The Attorney General

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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

On May 23, 1966, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he learned that Fletcher Knebel, well-known journalist, is collaborating with Edward J. Epstein in writing a book on the "Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy." According to the source, Epstein allegedly has access to Federal Bureau of Investigation reports and is using material from these reports for the book. The source added that he learned that Wesley J. Liebeler, former Assistant Counsel to the President's Commission, has made such FBI data available to Epstein. According to our source, Knebel and Epstein plan to shed new light on the President's Commission's Report.

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COMM-FBI

For your information, during the course of our intensive investigation of the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy, numerous reports and other FBI data were made available to the President's Commission. Much of this data was later used by the Commission in part or in its entirety in the publication of its Report. We have also determined that FBI reports and other FBI documents which have been cleared for public disclosure and which are maintained by the National Archives are available to the public upon request. The National Archives, as a matter of policy, will reproduce for a nominal fee such cleared FBI reports upon request.

The above is being furnished for your information and for any action you might deem desirable. No further inquiries in this particular matter are contemplated by this Bureau.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
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NOTE: See memorandum Brennan to Sullivan, dated 5/24/66, captioned as above, prepared by SJP:REL/rab.

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